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submitted to Minister President Otto Grotewohl the draft of a government decree according to which persons of ~~certain income bracket~~ would be ineligible to receive food ration cards. On the basis of such a decree, individuals or married couples with monthly incomes exceeding 500 eastmarks would not receive ration cards. Grotewohl did not accept this plan and left the decision to the SED Central Committee.

Comment: This proposal to bar a still larger group of persons from receiving food ration cards is indicative of the critical food situation and, at the same time, shows the brutality of the measures which are being employed against the propertied bourgeoisie.

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